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Education

Desirability of placing European and Muslim education on the same footing.

*710-A *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have at any time considered or propose to consider the necessity and desirability of placing Muslim education on the same footing as European education with a view to advance and spread education among the Muslim community more rapidly than at present; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations on the above question from the Muhammadan Educational Association of South India?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) No.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—" May I know, Sir, the reasons why the Government do not propose to consider the necessity of placing Muslim education on the same footing as European education ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" Because they do not think there is any necessity for such a step."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—" May I know from the hon. the Education Minister whether he is aware that standards of life have grown equally for all communities and may I ask whether this distinction should not immediately go ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" I do not exactly understand the import of the hon. Member's question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—" May I know why the Government think that there is no necessity ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" That question has already been answered."

Scheme for elementary and higher education among Muslims.

*710-B *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have so far evolved any comprehensive scheme in respect of Muslim education, both elementary and higher, with reference to the special needs and the present condition of the Muslim community ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to Section IX of the Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for the quinquennium 1921–22 to 1926–27.

Recommendations of the Physical Educational Conference.

*711-A *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the recommendations of the physical educational conference are with regard to the question of teaching lessons to students in all schools only for half a day, the other half day being allowed for recreation and games;